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April 12, 2005

In America during the 1950's, summertime was a time of fear and anxiety for many parents. This was the season when children by the thousands became infected with the crippling disease poliomyelitis, commonly known as polio.

This burden of fear was lifted when it was announced that Jonas Salk, M.D. had developed a vaccine against the disease. The vaccine was declared safe and effective on April 12, 1955 and this coming April 12th will mark the 50th Anniversary of this historical event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles does hereby recognize and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Jonas Salk M.D.'s discovery of the polio vaccine and supports the World Health Organization's continuing efforts to eradicate polio world-wide.

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